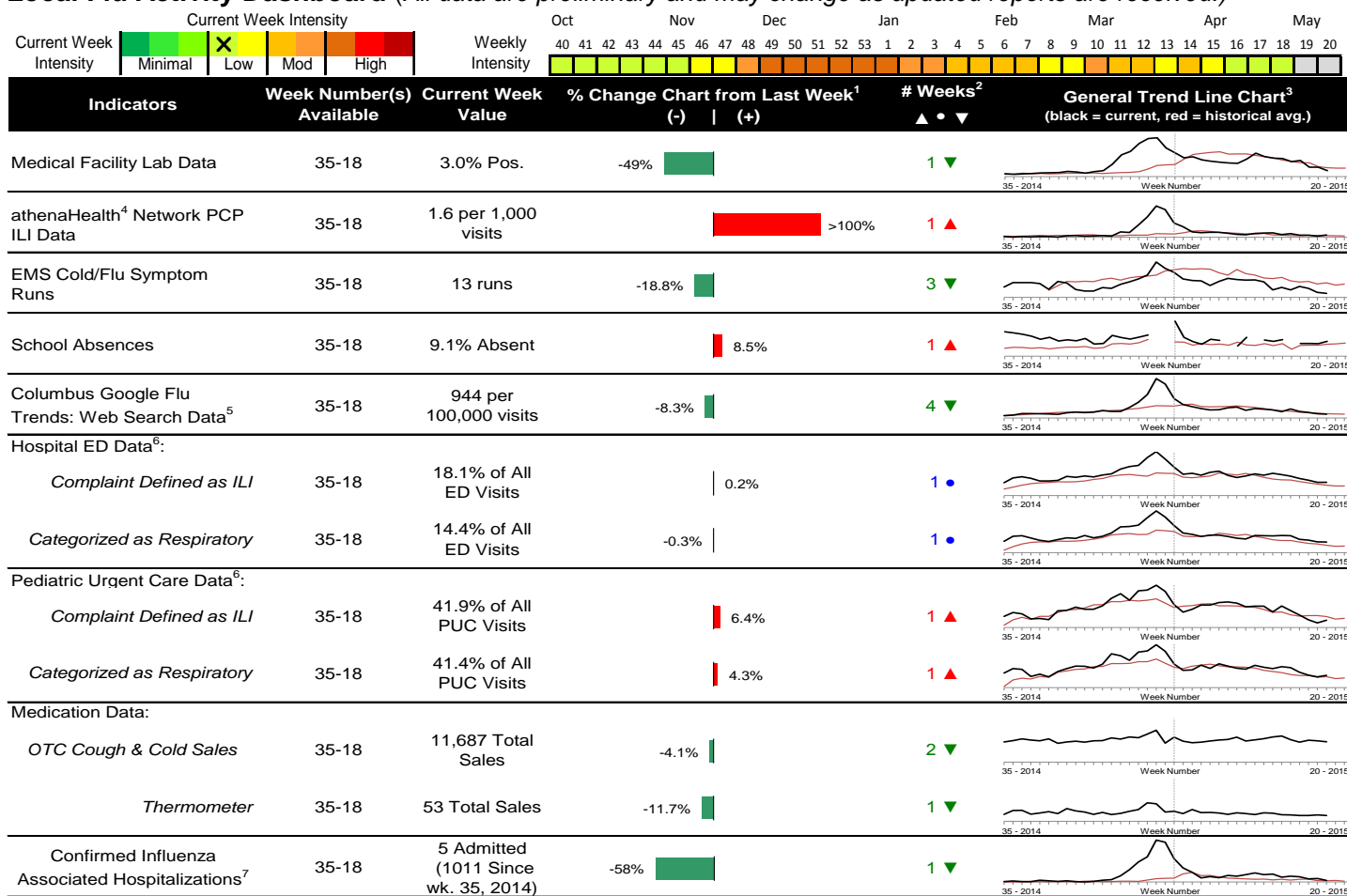


## 2014-2015 Columbus & Franklin County Seasonal Influenza Activity Weekly Summary (Week 18, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015– May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015)

### Highlights

- In week 18 of 2015, local flu activity continued to decrease.
- Geographic activity and local intensity designation (Click [here](#) for definitions) = LOCALIZED, LOW
- Local medical facility labs reported 465 tests run with 14 (3.0%) positive results for week 18 of 2015. This is lower than last week's 5.9% and is slightly lower than the weekly baseline.
- The percentages of ED visits for both influenza-like-illness (ILI) and respiratory symptoms were stable compared to week 17. The percentages of ED visits for ILI and respiratory symptoms are just slightly above to their respective weekly baseline averages.
- In week 18 of 2015, trends for the local over-the-counter medication sales tracked generally decreased (decrease in cough and cold, electrolyte, thermometer, chest rub, and throat lozenge sales; increase in pediatric anti-fever and adult anti-fever sales) compared to last week.
- Nationally in week 18, influenza activity continued to decrease. Please [visit the CDC website for specific information](#) (National data is usually updated on Friday of each week).

### Local Flu Activity Dashboard *(All data are preliminary and may change as updated reports are received.)*



Reportable Conditions (Cumulative Numbers as of May 15, 2015, 9:00 AM)	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015 YTD
Pediatric Influenza Associated Death Reported by Year (based on date of death)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Influenza Associated Hospitalizations (IAH) Reported by Admission Year <sup>7</sup>	35	266	394	300	936	497
IAH comparison by Season (October - May or Weeks 35 - 20)	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Current season (2014-15) is from week 35 through 18.	458	286	95	512	486	1,011

<sup>1</sup>Interpret with caution. Indicators with small numbers subject to large weekly percentage fluctuations.

<sup>2</sup>Number of weeks "▲" = Increase (>2%), "▼" = Decrease (>2%), "●" = Stable (-2% to +2%).

<sup>3</sup>Black line is current years data. Based on data availability, red line is historical average (excluding pandemic year).

<sup>4</sup>Data Source: athenaHealth, Inc. and their analytics and research team athenaResearch (www.athenahealth.com). Rate of ILI visits to Franklin County, OH, athenaHealth network's primary care practices/physicians using claims data.

<sup>5</sup>Data Source: Google Flu Trends (www.google.org/flutrends), City = Columbus, OH. See website for additional details.

<sup>6</sup>Franklin County, OH residents only (based on zipcode).

<sup>7</sup>Confirmed cases only. Based on jurisdiction equal to Franklin County or City of Columbus and admission date available in ODRS.

### CDC 122-Cities Mortality Reporting System: Pneumonia and Influenza (P&I) Mortality

In week 18 of 2015, 4.8% of all Columbus deaths were attributed to pneumonia and influenza. Nationally, 6.5% of deaths reported were attributed to pneumonia and influenza in week 18. This national percentage is below the national epidemic threshold of 6.7% for week 18.

### Influenza Morbidity and Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) Reports

In week 18, the preliminary local influenza-like-illness (ILI) visit rate to athenaHealth providers (1.6 per 1,000 visits) increased compared to the previous week and is slightly above the baseline average for the week (Figure 1). The week 18 percentage of Emergency Department (ED) visits for ILI symptoms was similar to the previous week (Figure 3) and is slightly higher than the historic baseline for the week. Pediatric urgent care visits for ILI symptoms increased compared to the previous week and is below the historic baseline for the week.

Nationally, during week 18 of 2015, 1.2% of patient visits reported through the US Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet), were due to influenza-like illness (ILI). The percentage is below the national baseline of 2.0.

### Laboratory Surveillance

During week 18 of 2015, reporting Franklin County sentinel medical facility laboratories tested 465 specimens, with 14 (3.0%) positive (Figure 4). The total number of tests done by local reporting labs from week 35 of 2014 through week 18 of 2015 is 44,447 with 6,824 (15.4%) positives (5,233 type A, 1,563 type B, 24 both A and B, 4 type unknown).

Nationally in week 18 of 2015, WHO and NREVSS laboratories reported 7,533 specimens tested for influenza viruses, 372 (4.9%) of which were positive (visit the CDC website for more info). The last 3 weeks available national breakdown by type and subtype from the CDC is shown in Table 1 below:

**Table 1: U.S. Virologic Surveillance (WHO and NREVSS participating labs)**

Week	A Total	A (H1)	A 2009 H1N1	A (H3)	A (H3N2v)	A (unable to sub-type)	A (Subtyping not performed)	B Total	Total # Tested	% Positive
16	81 (11.3%)	0 (0%)	1 (1.2%)	40 (49.4%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	40 (49.4%)	634 (88.7%)	10839	6.59
17	52 (9.6%)	0 (0%)	4 (7.7%)	18 (34.6%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	30 (57.7%)	490 (90.4%)	9757	5.55
18	25 (6.7%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	7 (28%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	17 (68%)	347 (93.3%)	7533	4.93

ODH lab results for Ohio cases that are PCR positive for seasonal influenza during the 2014-15 season. Positive results: (2) A/pdmH1N1; (1009) A/H3N2; (59) Influenza B; (1) A/H1N1v (through 05/9/15).

### ED and Pediatric Urgent Care Respiratory Visits

In the 18<sup>th</sup> week of 2015, the percentage of all ED visits categorized as *respiratory* was similar to the percentage seen the previous week and is slightly above its historic baseline for the week (Figure 5). The percentage of Pediatric urgent care visits for respiratory symptoms increased compared to the previous week, and is slightly above its historic baseline for the week.

### Over-the-Counter (OTC) Medication Sales

In week 18 of 2015, trends for the local over-the-counter medication sales tracked generally decreased (decrease in cough and cold, electrolyte, thermometer, chest rub, and throat lozenge sales; increase in pediatric anti-fever and adult anti-fever sales) compared to last week.

### Additional Influenza Activity Web Links:

Ohio Seasonal Flu Surveillance: <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/features/odhfeatures/seasflu/ohfluactivity.aspx>

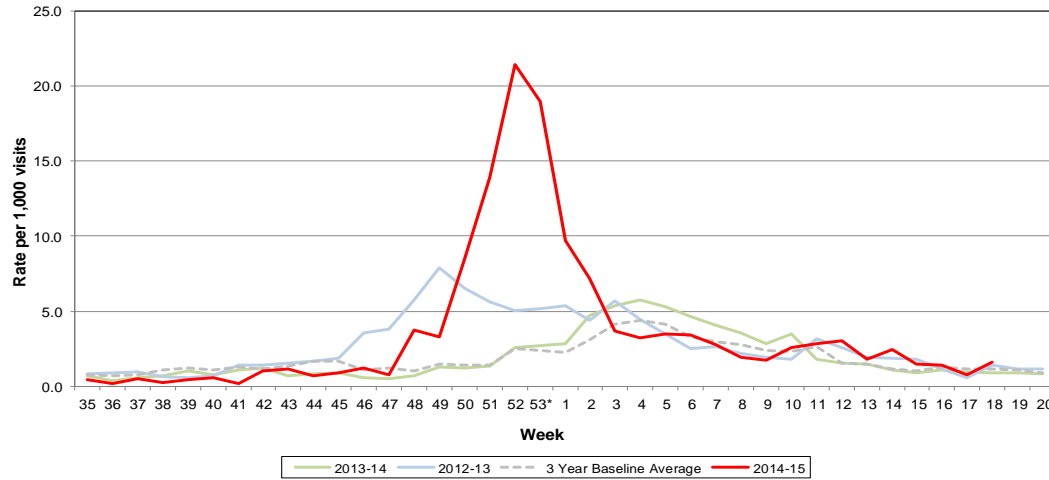
CDC National Seasonal Flu Surveillance Reports: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/>

CDC International Flu Activity Map: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/international/activity.htm>

World Health Organization Situation Updates: [http://www.who.int/influenza/surveillance\\_monitoring/en/](http://www.who.int/influenza/surveillance_monitoring/en/)

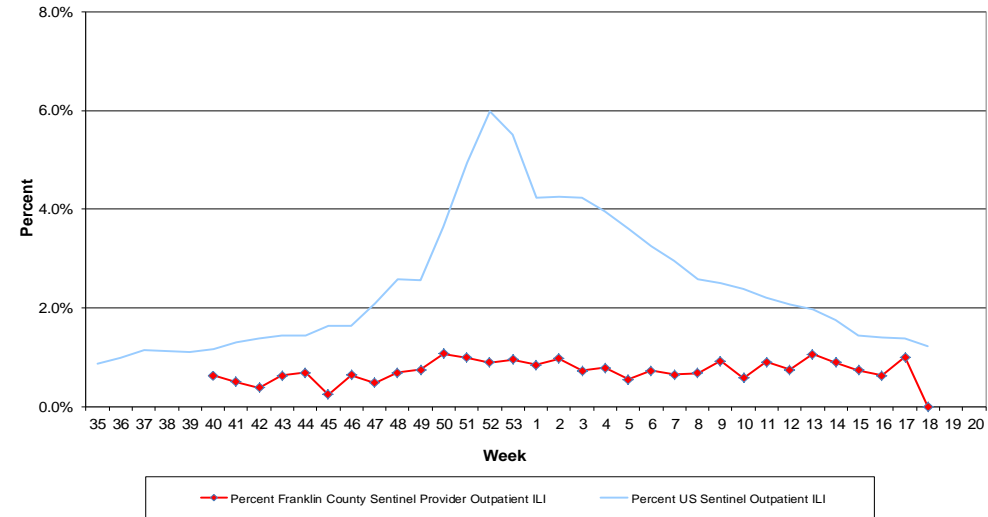
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**Figure 1: athenahealth Network Primary Care Physician Influenza-Like-Illness Visit Rate†, Franklin County, OH**

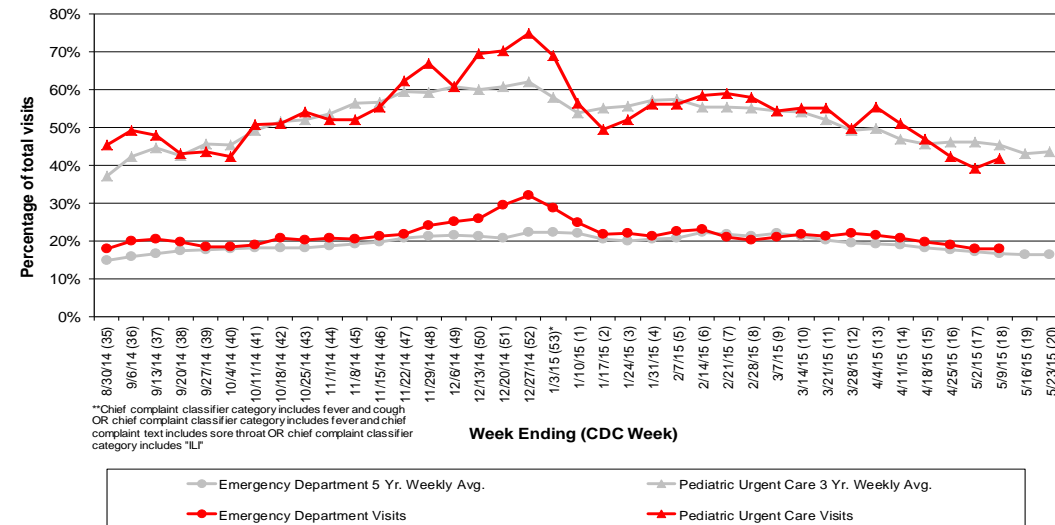


†Source: Claims data from athenahealth, Inc. and their analytics and research team, athenaResearch ([www.athenahealth.com/blog/category/analytics-research](http://www.athenahealth.com/blog/category/analytics-research))  
 Note: athenaHealth claims data are subject to filing and processing time lags. Historical data are updated when they are received.

**Figure 2: Percentage of Local and National ILI Outpatient CDC Sentinel Health Care Provider Site visits, 2014-15**

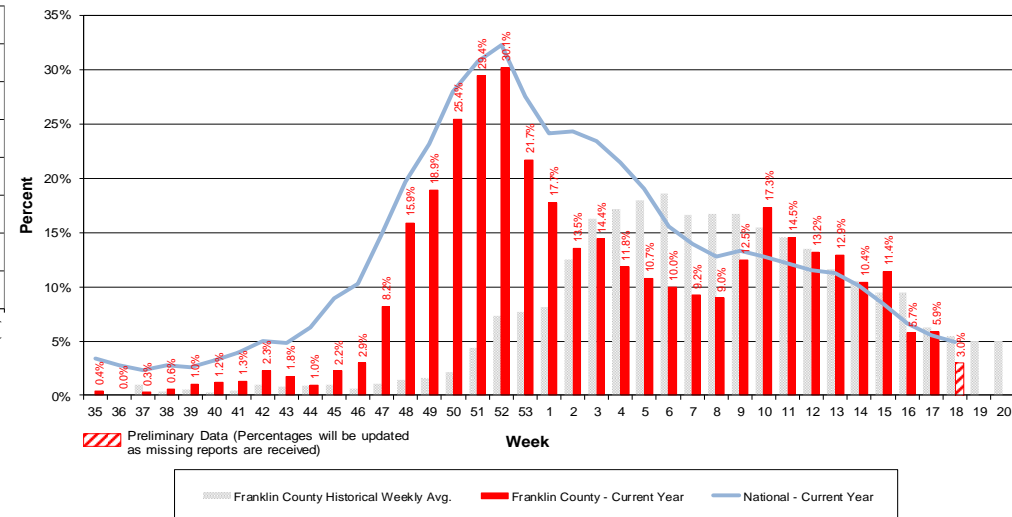


**Figure 3: Franklin County Resident ILI Defined\*\* ED and Pediatric Urgent Care Visits, 2014-15, Franklin County, OH**



\*\*Chief complaint classifier category includes fever and cough OR chief complaint classifier category includes fever and chief complaint text includes sore throat OR chief complaint classifier category includes "ILI"

**Figure 4: Percentage of Local Reporting and National Laboratory Positive Influenza Tests by Week, 2014-15**

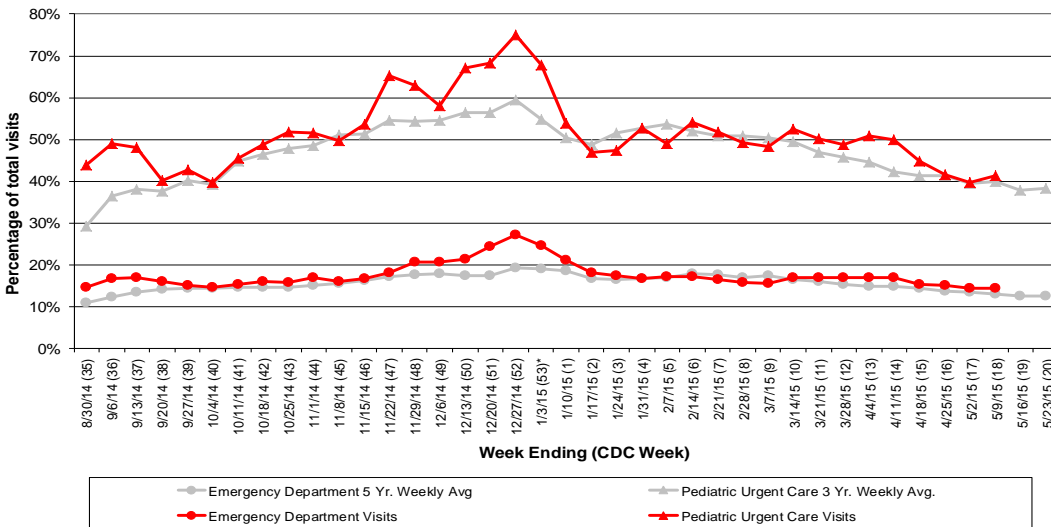


⚠ Preliminary Data (Percentages will be updated as missing reports are received)

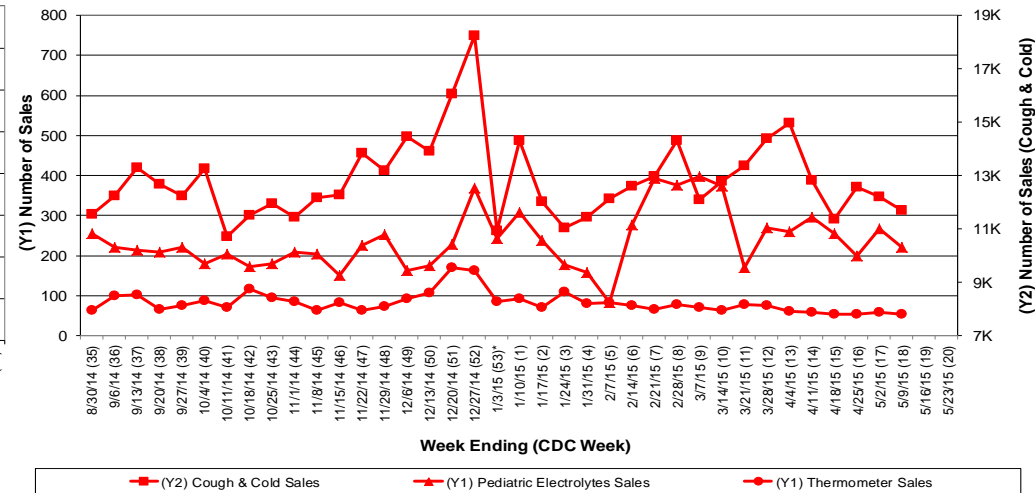
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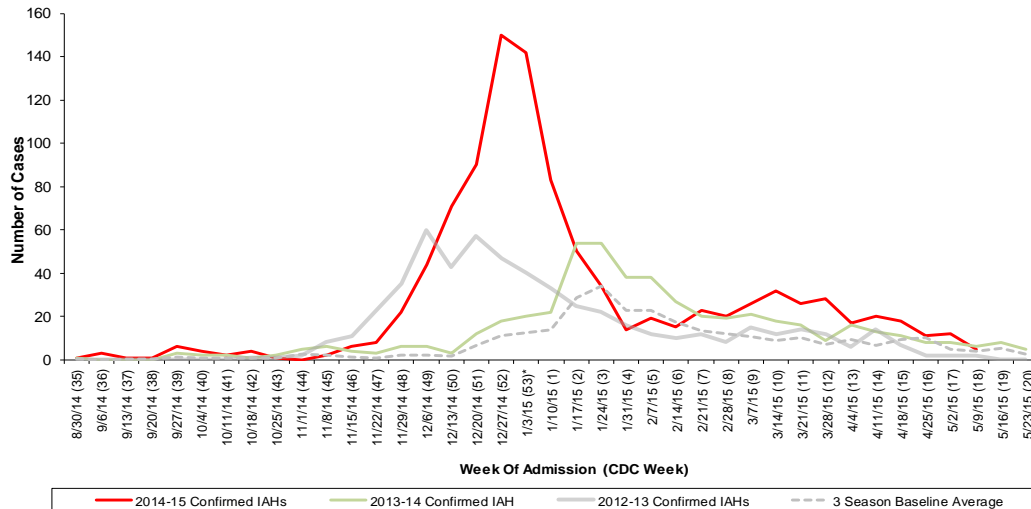
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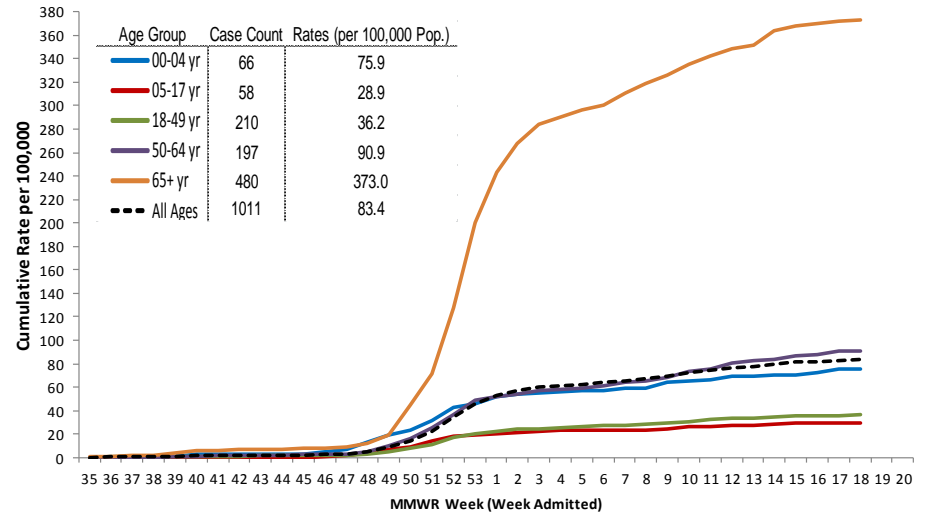
**Figure 6: Selected Number of Over-the-Counter Medication Sales, 2014-15, Franklin County, OH**



**Figure 7: Franklin County Confirmed Influenza Associated Hospitalizations by Hospital Admission Week (As of 9:00 AM, 5/15/2015)**



**Franklin County, OH, Confirmed Influenza Hospitalization Cumulative Rates (per 100,000) by Age-Group and Admission Week, 2014-2015 Season**



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